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METHOD & APPARATUS FOR PREVENTING DISRUPTIONS IN SET-For:

TOP TERMINAL FUNCTION DUE TO THE DOWNLOAD OF UPDATED

PROGRAMMING OR DATA TO THE SET-TOP TERMINAL

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action dated August 14, 2001 (Paper No. 11), please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 41 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claim 41 is set forth in a marked-up version in the pages attached to this Amendment.

41. (Once amended) A set-top terminal for connecting a subscriber to a cable network, said terminal comprising:

a processor unit comprising a first processor and a second processor; and a memory unit;

wherein said first processor is dedicated to providing a user interface and said second processor is dedicated to monitoring an out-of-band channel for information indicating that a download of data or programming is available, indicating a specified in-band channel for receiving the download, and managing a download of data or